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**MINE INSPECTION REPORT
JACKPILE AND PAGUATE MINES
UNITED PUEBLO AGENCY
LAGUNA PUEBLO RESERVATION
VALENCIA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

**LAGUNA PUEBLO
LEASES**

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On January 22, 1965 the Jackpile and Pagate mines were examined. The mines are located about 8.5 miles north of the Laguna Pueblo on U. S. Highway 66. The Anaconda holds the tribal leases and have operated the Jackpile mine since 1952 and the Pagate since 1961. The last examination of the mines by engineers from this office was on November 10, 1964.

Since date of last examination there has been no important changes either in mining or in ore handling. Stripping of overburden has been completed at the Pagate. Ore was being mined from the Pagate pit by use of bulldozer and ripper teeth, no explosives were being used in the mining operations.

Ore was removed from stockpiles of different grade to blend a ~~consistent mill feed for the company mill at Bluewater, New Mexico.~~ A small amount of ore still remains in stockpiles in the Jackpile pit.

All surface installations were maintained well and no safety violations were observed in the shop, garage, or warehouse. All equipment was maintained well. To minimize the effect on the local community many maintenance men have been retained on the payroll even though the company could operate with less. It is believed that some men may be offered jobs at the Anaconda operation near Tucson when that operation reaches the stage where heavy equipment is used.



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About 25,000 tons of ore per month are sent to the Bluewater Plant.

No safety violations or violations of the lease terms were noted during the examination.

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